

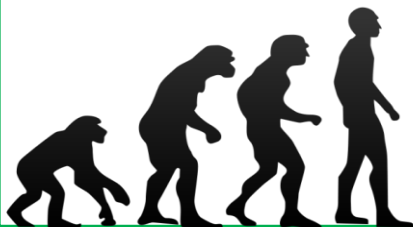
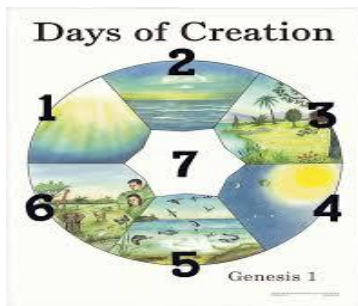
YEAR 7 ETHICS UNIT 4: HOW SHOULD WE CARE FOR THE PLANET?

Overview

This topic starts with looking at different beliefs about the origins of the world, both scientific and religious. Then there is a review of local and international concerns about the care of the planet. The core of the unit then explores Buddhist and Christian beliefs about the environment and human responsibility for it. This is followed by a consideration of how religious believers put these beliefs into practice. How does faith inspire a response? The unit concludes by asking students to think about how they and their local community can make a difference, linking this to the UN Earth Summit and Agenda 21. There are strong links to citizenship and geography.

Origins of the world

Does everything have a beginning?
How did the world get here?
How do you think the world got here?
What is the scientific explanation of how the world got here?
What are the religious responses to this question?
What do people from other cultures believe about how the world came into being?



Environment issues

What are the problems facing the global environment?
What environmental issues does your local community face?

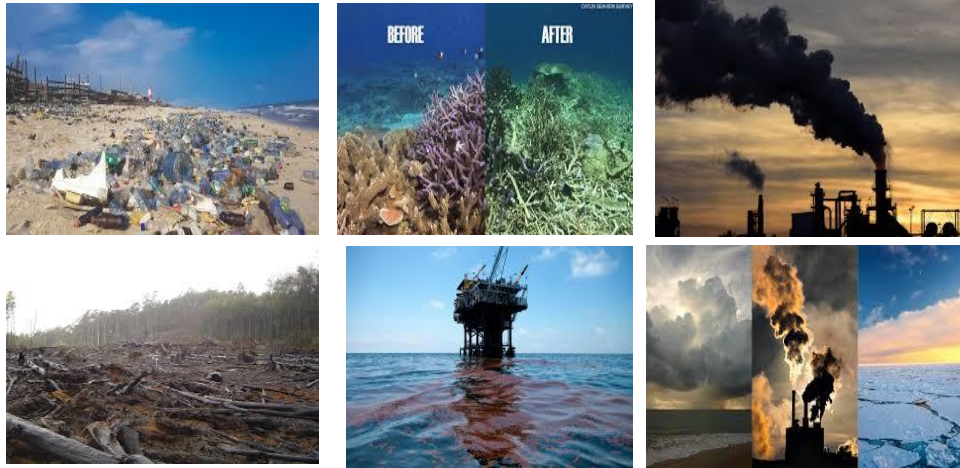


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- Big-Bang
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- Universe
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- Environment
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- Eco-systems
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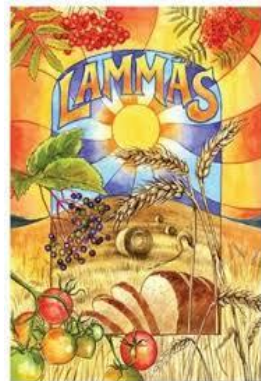
Damage to the planet

What have we done to the planet?
 How have humans damaged the environment?
 Global warming
 Deforestation
 Farming
 Pollution – air, oil spills, toxic chemicals
 Household waste
 Damage to coral reefs
 Renewable/non-renewable energy



Religious views

How do religions show respect for nature?



Moral Decision Making



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Government views

What can governments around the world do to protect the planet?
 What is an earth summit? Where have these been held?
 What is Agenda 21?
 What is meant by sustainability?



So what is your view?

Should we do what we like to the planet?
 Is it too late?
 Should we be protecting our planet more?
 Is care for the planet now in your hands?

